

“Rejected of Men”

Isa. 53:1-3

Introduction

- I. Long ago, the inspired prophet Isaiah foretold of how Jesus would be largely rejected (Isa. 53:1-3).
- II. Members of His own family rejected Jesus (John 1:11).
- III. Jesus knew ahead of time that He would be rejected (Matt. 21:33-46).
- IV. How is He rejected today?

Discussion

- I. Most reject His authority.
 - A. The authority of Christ is absolute (Matt. 28:18-20; Col. 3:17).
 - B. The New Testament of Christ is the standard for men (Heb. 1:1; Deut. 18:18; Acts 3:22-23; cf. Heb. 9:15-16).
 - C. Christ is the Head of the church, not other men (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23).
- II. Most reject His church.
 - A. Man made religions are largely accepted (Matt. 13:14-15; cf. Matt. 7:21-23; 1 Cor. 1:10).
 - B. The church of Christ is still the only one that Jesus built (Matt. 16:18; cf. Isa. 2:2-3).
- III. Most reject His name.
 - A. To carry the name Christian is a privilege (Isa. 62:1-2; Acts 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:16).
 - B. Many today would rather carry man made designations (catholic; baptist; methodist; presbyterian; muslim, etc.).
 - C. We must never forget that salvation is only in the name of Jesus (Acts 4:12; John 14:6).
- IV. Most reject His Gospel.
 - A. The Gospel must be obeyed in order to receive salvation (2 Thess. 1:8-9).
 - B. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ is God's power “unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 6:16-18; cf. Gal. 1:6-9).
 - C. The invitation of the Lord is received through the Gospel (Matt. 11:28-30).

Conclusion

- I. It is truly sad how rejected Jesus is.
- II. The One Who demonstrated His love for us deserves our allegiance.